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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN VISIT

1. WHEN I SAW RIFAI FEBRUARY 15, HE RAISED WITH ME THE QUESTION OF THE LEVEL OF THE KING'S VISIT. HE SAID HE HAD HOPED TO HANDLE THIS QUESTION THROUGH HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON BUT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM HIS AMBASSADOR THAT THE SITUATION WAS IN SOME DOUBT.

2. I TOLD RIFAI THAT I DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE MATTER NOW STOOD, I HAD LAST DISCUSSED IT WITH HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO AMMAN LATE LAST MONTH.

3. RIFAI STRESSED FOR ME THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR WHAT HE CONSIDERED AN EXTRAORDINARY FAVOR OR EXPENDITURE ON THE PART OF THE US. THE JORDANIANS WISHED ONLY THAT THE KING BE TREATED AS OTHER MIDDLE EAST LEADERS WHO HAD RECENTLY VISITED WASHINGTON HAD BEEN TREATED. HE RECALLED FOR ME THAT KING HAD NOT MADE A STATE VISIT TO PRESIDENT FORD. HE ALSO SAID THAT THEY WANTED ONLY TO HAVE THE STATEMENT VISIT ARRANGMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR STAY IN WASHINGTON (MARCH 29 THROUGH APRIL 2) AND WERE NOT REQUESTING SUCH TREATMENT FOR THEIR VISIT TO HAWAII THE WEST COAST, CHICAGO AND NEW ORLEANS WHICH WOULD
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TAKE PLACE FROM MARCH 15 THROUGH MARCH 25 AND PRECEDE

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THEIR STATE VISIT TO MEXICO.

4. HE RECALLED FOR ME THAT THEY HAD SEEN PRESS
REPORTS OF POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT FORD
MIGHT COME TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT
THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME IN JORDAN. JORDAN
COULD NOT RECEIVE HIM WITHOUT THE SAME HONORS AND
CEREMONY ACCORDED TO PRESIDENT NIXON WHEN HE WAS HERE
IN AMMAN IN 1974. THIS WAS THE JORDANIAN EQUIVALENT
OF A STATE VISIT AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE
KING IF HE WERE NOT SIMILARLY TREATED IN THE
UNITED STATES.

5. RIFAI ALSO REMINDED ME THAT THIS IS BICENTENNIAL
YEAR IN US AND HE CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE THAT THE
OLDEST ARAB FRIEND OF THE US IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD
BE ACCORDED NOTEWORTHY TREATMENT DURING
A VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN THIS 200TH YEAR.

6. I TOLD RIFAI THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS REQUEST
IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK AN EARLY ANSWER. MY OWN VIEWS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET FORTH AND
THERE IS LITTLE TO ADD TO WHAT RIFAI HAD TO SAY.
JORDANIANS FEEL THEY ARE MAKING A MINIMUM PROTOCOL
DEMAND ON THE US AND THEY THEMSELVES RECALL THE MANY
TIMES WHICH THEY HAVE RECEIVED US OFFICIALS HERE
WITH APPROPRIATE HONORS AND CEREMONY. THEY WOULD CON-
SIDER A TURN DOWN AT THIS POINT AS A RATHER SERIOUS
MATTER AFFECTING OUR RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME WHEN THEY
ARE ALREADY SOMEWHAT SKITTISH AS A RESULT OF HAWK AND
A NUMBER OF OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH WE HAVE ANALYZED AND
ASSESSED IN DETAIL FOR YOU OVER THE PAST MONTHS.
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